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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COUNTING SOMATIC CELLS  
OR FAT DROPLETS IN MILK

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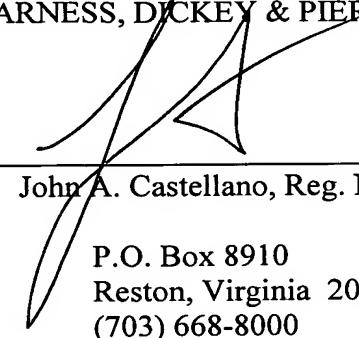
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	EP 1180675 A2	02-20-2002	EUROPE			X
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Include Name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)

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